

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1. - 9. (canceled).

10. (currently amended): A method of moisturizing skin of a subject having dry skin comprising orally administering fermented milk whey obtained by fermentation of milk with *Lactobacillus helveticus*, to ~~a~~ the subject having dry skin.

Claims 11. - 14. (canceled).

15. (new): The method according to claim 10, wherein said *Lactobacillus helveticus* is *Lactobacillus helveticus* CM-4.